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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL COMMENTS
ON FRENCH-ISRAEL RELATIONS

REF: PARIS 3002 (NOTAL)

1. DURING PRIVATE LUNCH FEBRUARY 11, FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL SOUTOU TOLD ME HE CONSIDERS THAT FRANCO-ISRAELI RELATIONS ARE NOW BACK TO NORMAL AFTER THE SHORT PERIOD OF TENSION CAUSED BY THE ABOU DAOUD AFFAIR. SOUTOU SAID THAT THE MAIN FACTOR IN THE NORMALIZATION WAS THE FRANCO-SAUDI COMMUNIQUE SIGNED DURING GISCARD'S VISIT IN JANUARY. THE ABILITY OF THE FRENCH TO PERSUADE THE SAUDIS TO SIGN A COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH THE FRENCH PRESENTED THEIR OWN VIEWS ON A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED BY THE ISRAELIS, ACCORDING TO SOUTOU.

2. COMMENT: GISCARD RECEIVED ISRAELI AMBASSADOR GAZIT FEBRUARY 11 FOR A MEETING BILLED AS A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. THIS WAS A FURTHER FRENCH
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GESTURE DESIGNED TO APPEASE ISRAELI FEELINGS IN RETURN FOR ISRAELI ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD'S VISIT LATER THIS MONTH.
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